Introduced by Senator Battin

January 31, 2006

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 89-Relative to California Indian Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 89, as introduced, Battin. Native Americans: California Indian Heritage Month.

This measure would proclaim November 2006 as California Indian Heritage Month, encourage its observance with activities that celebrate our uniqueness as Americans, and commend California Indian nations for their outstanding contributions to this state.

Fiscal committee: no.

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WHEREAS, President George W. Bush proclaimed November 2005 as National American Indian Heritage Month in recognition of American Indians and Alaskan Natives; and 4

WHEREAS, California Indians, through their rich cultural traditions and proud ancestry, have made vital contributions to

7 the strength and diversity of our society; and 8

WHEREAS, In recognition of the sovereignty of the California Indian nations to be self-governing, self-supporting, and self-reliant, we are working to protect and enhance tribal

resources: and

12 WHEREAS, As of the last census, over 330,000 American 13

Indians were living in California, more than any other state; now,

14 therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly

thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims that the month

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- 1 of November 2006 be recognized as California Indian Heritage
- 2 Month, encourages the observance of this event with activities
- 3 that celebrate our uniqueness as Americans, and takes this
- 4 opportunity to commend California Indian nations for their
- 5 outstanding contributions to this great state; and be it further
- 6 Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 7 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.